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THE

AUXILIARY NEW YORK BIBLE AND COMMON PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 1816.

And obtained from the Legislature an Act of Incorporation for Twenty Years,
at the expiration of which time the Parent and Auxiliary Societies
united together under the original title of "The New York
Bible and Common Prayer Book Society."

THE PRESENT IS THEREFORE PROPERLY THEIR

THIRTY-FIRST CONSECUTIVE REPORT.

Held at the Anniversary Meeting, at the Church of St. Bartholomew,

Thursday, October 3, 1839.

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1839.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OF THE

New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,

October 3d, 1839.

The Anniversary Celebration of this Society was held jointly with the Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, and the Education and Missionary Society, at St. Bartholomew's Church, on Thursday evening, Oct. 3d, 1839, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Right Rev. B. T. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese, in the chair, who opened the meeting with Prayer.

The Third Annual, being the Thirty-First Consecutive, Report of the Society, was read by Floyd Smith, Esq.

The Rev. Rob't. B. Van Kleeck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, moved the adoption of the Report, accompanied with a powerful appeal to the good sense and understanding of the audience, in behalf of the Society, and concluded by offering the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Report just read, while it furnishes the most satisfactory evidence of the rapid extension of the operations of the Society, does not at the same time exhibit a corresponding regard to its interests on the part of the Churches, and individuals, that have been accustomed to contribute to its funds.

Resolved, That this Society, in consideration of its objects, and daily extending usefulness, is justly entitled to the liberal contributions of the friends of the Church.

Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Board of Managers, for printing and publication.

The business of the evening was concluded by singing the 106th Hymn, and devotional offices by the Bishop.

Wm. H. BELL, *Secretary of the Joint Meeting.*

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT,

BEING THE

THIRTY-FIRST CONSECUTIVE REPORT.

THE Managers of the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society have the satisfaction of now presenting to their constituents their third Annual Report. But it will be remembered, that from the year 1809, the Parent Society, and from the year 1816, its Auxiliary, were actively engaged in the same important work. This, therefore, is to be regarded as the Thirty-First Annual Report from this portion of the Church in relation to what has been done to promote the distribution of the Word of God, and its best and most efficient commentary and companion, the Book of Common Prayer. The object of the consolidation of the two Societies was to produce a more extensive effect by the united action of those engaged in a common cause; and the Managers believe that the result will not disappoint the reasonable anticipations of the friends of the Church. By a comparison of the Reports for the last and the present year, it will be seen that there has been a large increase in the publication and in the sale and gratuitous distribution of the books of the Society. Since the last anniversary there have been printed 1500 Bibles, 3000 Testaments, 1000 Prayer Books of the octavo size, and 6000 of the duodecimo, making a total of 11,000 volumes.—The previous year 8250 were printed. The emissions from the Depository, by sales and gratuitous distributions during the past year, have been as follows:—1153 Bibles, 1354 Testaments, 530 octavo and 8033 duodecimo Prayer Books, making a total of 11,070 volumes. The emissions during the previous year were 8480 vols. A detailed account will be appended of the manner in which the sales and distributions have been made. From this account it will be seen that the sales of the Society have increased more than three fold, and that these sales have been made principally to Auxiliaries and Subscribers for gratuitous distribution. This demand has been supplied from the common editions, and at the lowest rate o fprices. A farther sale of the folio, the octavo Megarey, and the finer edition of the smaller Prayer Books, together with Bibles and Testaments, in a great variety of bindings, has been made at fair remunerating prices. The profits thus accruing, together with the savings upon the other publications of the Society, have exceeded the expenses of the agency, and have enabled the Society to extend its gratuitous distributions. These will be still farther extended, as soon as it can be done consistently with a prudential regard to the funds of the Society, and to its obligations to Subscribers, who have claims upon it for books in proportion to the amount of their subscriptions. These claims the Society must hold itself ready to discharge to the fullest extent. Books unclaimed for one year, however, the Managers feel can be added with propriety to the stock for gratuitous distribution.

The Stereotype Plates of the Society are now valued at $4850. The increased value in this property is caused by the purchase of the plates of the elegant folio edition of the Prayer Book for the Reading Desk, that was stereotyped by Messrs. Connor & Cooke. The cost of these plates and 135 copies of the Prayer Books was $600. This debt has been fully discharged, and the sale of the books has more than realized the expectations formed when the purchase was made. The Society therefore is now enabled to ensure to Churches a very superior book, at a moderate cost.

From this favourable statement of the operations of the Society, for the past year, the Managers are now constrained to direct the attention of their constituents to a topic less gratifying and encouraging. The receipts for the past year into the treasury, from subscribers, have not been as large as they were the year preceding, as will be seen by the following statement.

	Last Year.	*Current Year.*
Collections in City Churches,	$917 34	$720 17
Do. Country Churches,	302 71	394 16
Individual Donations, - - - - -	600 75	413 75
Annual Subscribers, - - - - -	413 50	452 50
Life Members, - - - - - - - -	90 00	225 00
Sales, - - - - - - - - - - - -	585 21	1697 73
	$2909 51	$3903 31

The sum total of receipts for the present year is larger than for the last; but not as much larger as it would have been had the collections from the City Churches, and from Individual Donations, maintained the same ratio of increase with the other resources of the Society. In the last Annual Report it was stated, "that in endeavouring to meet the wants of our communion, the Managers trust they will be generously and liberally encouraged. Increased support, it is evident, will be needed to make the distributions of the Society, we will not say *commensurate with*, but in any degree *proportioned to*, the increasing wants of our vast and extending country."

An appeal, and the Managers think a just and forcible one, was thus made to the Churches, and to individuals, and they regret, that in this City, it has not been answered to the extent of their hopes. They cannot for a moment suppose, however, that this deficiency in collections and donations arises from any indifference to the objects of the Society, or any distrust as to management of its concerns; they would rather attribute it in part to inattention, and in part, perhaps, to the unusual difficulties to which the mercantile community has been subjected during the past year. They therefore take courage, and will not slacken their efforts, nor contract their operations. They are confident that the work in which they are engaged is of the utmost importance to the extension and prosperity of the Church, and that it is uniformly felt to be so by every serious and well informed Churchman. It cannot be, therefore, that the appeal made last year, and now renewed, will again be made in vain. They would regard it as implying an unjust and offensive distrust of the piety, the intelligence, and attachment to the distinctive principles of the Church on the part of their constituents, were they, at this day, and after the full reports which have been set forth for so many years past, to attempt to enlarge upon the duty of the members of the Church, to contribute in proportion to the means with which God hath blessed them, for promoting the circulation of the Bible and Book of Common Prayer. The duty is freely and fully acknowledged by all, and they would trust that it will hereafter be as fully and freely discharged. Supply them with the means, and the Managers of the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society pledge themselves, that in this diocese, there shall be no member of the Church, however obscure, that shall not be supplied with these inestimable volumes, that the sick in every hospital, the poor in every almshouse, and the unhappy delinquents in every prison throughout the state, shall have the proffer of them, that no ship in the service of the country, and no merchant vessel shall leave this port without these blessed companions to the seafaring man, that the applications of every Sunday School, and every Mission Church, and every destitute congregation, and every place where two or three are gathered together to commence the holy enterprize of forming a new association on the model of primitive truth and purity, shall be liberally answered, and that there shall be a large surplus to meet the wants of every mission that may go forth on domestic or foreign duty under the auspices of the Church. All this shall be done, in dependence upon the strength and wisdom that cometh of the Lord, when the people of the diocese, yielding to the admonitions of His Spirit, shall give forth the adequate means to accomplish this great and holy work.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, in account current with Thomas Browning, *Treasurer.*

DISPOSABLE FUND.

		Dr.
To cash, paid for paper,		$ 885 71
" " " " printing,		457 15
" " " " binding,		1521 16
" " " " copies 12mo. Prayer Book,	$ 48 82	
" " " " " " fancy, " &c.	63 00	
" " " " " " folio, " "	250 00	
		361 82
" " " " Incidental Expenses, viz.—		
" Insurance $25, stationery, &c. $3 88	$ 28 88	
" Rent, $200, boy, $36 66,	236 66	
" Mr. Morrison's bill, for attendance,	6 00	
" Advertising,	3 50	
" Sundry bills expenses,	36 93	
" Agent's salary	500 00	
		811 97
To Stereotype Fund, for use of Plates for printing 28,750 vols. at 1 cent per vol.		287 50
		$4,325 31
To balance, due Treasury,		$ 317 53

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1839. Oct'r. 6,	By balance on hand,		$ 324 42
	By cash from 30 Country Parishes,		394 16
	By " " 10 City "		720 17
	By " " Auxiliaries,		5 00
	By " " Sales by the Agent,	$ 34 24	
	" " "	1661 49	
			1697 73
	By " " Individual donations,		413 75
	By " " Annual subscribers,		452 50
	By balance,		317 58
			$4,325 31

New York, October 4, 1839.

THOMAS BROWNING, *Treasurer.*

STEREOTYPE FUND

Dr.		
To cash paid to Conner & Cooke, for a set of Stereotype Plates of folio Prayer Book	$ 350 00	
less dis. 5 pr. cent,	17 50	
		$ 332 50
To repairing Testament Plates,		16 00
To balance,		1443 80
		$ 1792 30

Cr.	
By balance on hand,	$ 1230 00
By cash, to constitute the following Life Members, viz.—	
Cyrus Curtis, by himself,	25 00
John H. Cornell, do.	25 00
Mrs. A. L. Barraclough, by herself,	25 00
Jessee Purdy, by himself	25 00
Wm. Henry Jones, by his father, Isaac Jones,	25 00
P. A. Schermerhorn, by himself,	25 00
Adam Norrie, do.	25 00
Rev. W. F. Walker, by Christ Church, Troy,	25 00
S. J. Beebee, by himself,	25 00
By cash, from New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, for Interest on Investment, to 1st January last,	49 80
By amount from Disposable Fund, for use of Stereotype Plates,	287 50
	$ 1792 30
By balance on hand,	$ 1443 80

THOMAS BROWNING, *Treasurer.*

New York, October 4, 1839.

COUNTRY PARISHES.

Trinity Church, Centrefield, N. York, per Rev. Thomas Meachem,	$ 5 00
Grace “ St. Francisville, Louisianna, per Rev R. H. Ranney,	25 00
Zion's “ Greene, New York, per Rev. J. V. Van Ingen,	2 00
St. George's, Church, Flushing, N. Y. per Rev. F. I. Goodwin,	26 50
St. John's Church, Johnstown, N. Y. per Rev. J. Ransom	1 50
St· Andrew's Church, Harlæm, per Rev. A. B. Hart,	36 00
Trinity “ New Rochelle, per Rev. L. Carter,	15 00
Christ “ Cooperstown, per Rev. F. T. Tiffany	6 25
Zion's “ Pierrepont Manor, per Rev. N. Watkins	10 00
St. Anna's “ Fishkill Landing, per Rev. A. Tenbrock,	17 00
St. Peter's “ Bainbridge, N. Y. per W. E. Eigenbrodt	5 00
St. Mark's “ Williamsburg, per Rev. D. C. Davis	1 26
St. James' “ Woonsocket, R. I. per Rev. H. P. Baldwin	10 00
St. John's “ Elizabethtown, N. J. per ——,	63
St. Paul's “ Whitehall, N. Y. per Rev. Palmer Dyer	2 00
Trinity “ Praire du Chien, Wisconsin Territory, per Rev. R. F. Cadle,	14 00
St. Paul's “ Troy, N. York, per Rev. R. B. Van Kleeck,	106 15
Christ Church, Troy, N. Y. per Rev. W. F. Walker $ 30 71 Less, Life Membership to Stereotype Fund 25 00	5 71
St. John's Church, Troy, N. Y. per Rev. Richard Cox,	16 04
St. Stephen's, Church, Middlebury, Vermont, per Rev. J. W. Diller	2 00
St. Andrew's Church, Harlæm, per Rev. A. B. Hart	12 00
St. Paul's “ Tompkinsville, per Rev. A. D. McKoy	10 00
Trinity “ Lansingburg, per Rev. P. L. Whipple	4 00
St. Philip's “ Phillipstown, per “ E. Williams	11 50
St. Paul's “ Sing Sing, per “ E. N. Mead	28 00
Christ “ Ballston, Spa. per “ D. Babcock	5 00
Bethesda “ Saratoga “ D. Babcock	5 00
St. James' “ Hyde Park, per “ R. Sherwood	6 00
——— “ Marlboro', Ulster co. “ Robert Shaw	1 54
Trinity “ Rensselaerville, “ Samuel Fuller,	3 00
St. Peter's “ Lithgow, “ Hiram Jelliff	1 08
	$394 16

CITY PARISHES.

St. Stephen's Church, N. York, per Rev. J. H. Price	$ 50 00
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Grace do. “ “ T. H. Taylor, D. D.	150 00
	$ 720 17

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Female Auxiliary Society of Christ Church, Butternuts, per Rev. A. B. Beach	$ 5 00

Abridged from the First Article of the By-Laws.

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Diocese of Western N. York, -	250	500	1000
State of New York, - - - - -	355	426	2337
" New Hampshire, - -	6		24
" Massachusetts, - - -			77
" Connecticut, - - -			86
" Rhode Island, - - -		12	12
" Vermont, - - - -	12	12	42
" New Jersey, - - -	13	24	177
" Pennsylvania, - - -	14	12	65
" Maryland, - - - -			22
" Virginia, - - - -	2	25	103
" Georgia, - - - -	6		74
" Florida, - - - - -	6	12	164
" Alabama, - - - -			24
" Missouri, - - - - -	25		204
" Mississippi, - - - -			78
" Kentucky, - - - -			36
" Tenessee, - - - -			12
" Indiana, - - - - -	12	20	52
" Illinois, - - - -			112
" Michigan, - - - -		12	84
" Arkansas, - - - - -	6		12
Navy of the United States, - -	8	12	366
Army of the United States, - -			148
Africa, - - - - - - - - -			24
Texas, - - - - - - - - - -	50	100	318
	765	1167	5653
Sales, to Auxiliaries, Subscribers, &c. &c. - - - -	388	187	2910
	1153	1354	8563

Making a grand total of volumes, 11,070.

AT AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY,

Held at St. John's Chapel School Room, on Thursday evening, Oct'r. 3, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Lot Jones in the chair, J. D. Fitch, M. D., Secretary; the meeting proceeded to the election, by ballot, of Officers and Managers for the ensuing year, when the following were declared to be duly elected.

OFFICERS.

Right Rev. B. T. Onderdonk, D. D., *President*, ex officio.
Rev. William Berrian, D. D., 1*st Vice President.*
" Lewis P. Bayard, D. D., 2*d* *do.*
" W. R. Whittingham, D. D., 3*d* *do.*
" B. I. Haight, 4*th* *do.*
William E. Dunscomb, 5*th* *do.*
Floyd Smith, 6*th* *do.*
Henry J. Seaman, 7*th* *do.*
C. N. S. Rowland, 8*th* *do.*
Adexander L. McDonald, *Corresponding Secretary.*
William H. Townsend, *Recording Secretary.*
Thomas Browning, *Treasurer.*
Thomas C. Butler, *Agent.*

MANAGERS.

Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, D. D.
" Samuel Seabury, D. D.
" John'n. M. Wainwright, D. D.
" Hugh Smith, D. D.
" Lot Jones,
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Frederic De Peyster,
Wm. M. Benjamin,
John Alstyne,
S. J. Beebee,
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R. Gracie,
Wm. H. Bell,
Theron Wilber,
C. B. Bostwick,
J. W. Mitchell,
Theophilus Peck,
Samuel T. Skidmore.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers, Tuesday, 15*th October, were elected, by ballot, the following*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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COMMITTEE ON STEREOTYPE FUND.

Floyd Smith,
Rev. L. P. Bayard, D. D.
Thomas Browning,
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PATRONS.

Luther Bradish, New York	$100	John Brower, New York,	$100

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*Moses Rogers	$50	Herman Le Roy	$50
*M. Clarkson	50	Wm. A. Wallace	50
*F. De Peyster	50	Augustus Van Courtlandt	50
Thomas Taylor	50	*Thomas Harvey	50
Streatfield Clarkson	50	B. W. Rogers	50
*Wm. Bayard	50	*T. Slidell	50
Wm. Bayard, Jun.	50	*David Dunham	15
John Hunter	50	Cyrus Curtis, Hudson	25
*Eleanor Jones	50	John H. Cornell	25
*Joshua Jones	50	Mrs. A. L. Barraclough	25
Thomas Swords	60	Jessee Purdy	25
James Swords	60	Wm. Henry Jones, by his father, Isaac Jones,	25
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John Gerhard Coster	50		
Mary Brown	50		
*Stephen Jumel	25		

LIFE MEMBERS, (AUXILIARY,) *OF* $ 25.

*Right Rev. J. H. Hobart,	$25	James N, Wells,	$25
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